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SUBJECT: STATUS FISHERY PROJECT PUERTO MADERO, CHIAPAS,
MEXICO.

MEXICAN NEWSPAPER RELEASED STORY CRITICIZING PRODUCTOS
PESQUEROS MEXICANOS PROPEMEX FOR ABANDONING SHARK PROCES-
SING FACILITY IN PUERTO MADERO.

DURING PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION EXTENSIVE PORT DEVELOPMENT
WAS INITIATED INCLUDING COMMERCIAL DOCKS, TOURIST
ATTRACTIONS AND HOTELS. TOTAL COST IN EXCESS 25 MILLION
U.S.

PART OF PROJECT INCLUDED FISH PROCESSING PLANT COSTING
1 MILLION U.S. WHICH WAS OPERATED FOR TWO YEARS BY
FISHERMEN COOP AND ACQUIRED BY PROPEMEX IN 1975. PLANT
WHICH INCLUDED FREEZERS, GENERATING PLANT, STORAGE TANKS
AND TRUCKS, HAS BEEN IDLE SINCE THAT DATE. HOWEVER,
FIFTY METERS FROM PLANT SEVERAL FISHERMEN MAKE DO PROCES-
SING UNDER THATCHED ROOF 5 OR 6 SHARKS PER DAY. THESE
ARE SALTED AND DRIED FOR MEXICO CITY MARKET. LOCAL
PEOPLE CRITICIZE PROPEMEX FOR NOT ALLOWING FISHERMEN TO
MAKE USE OF FACILITIES.

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RFA OPINES REASON FOR CLOSURE OF PLANT WAS RECORD OF
LOSSES AND POOR PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE. IT APPEARS PUERTO
MADERO IS POOR SITE FOR PORT DEVELOPMENT OWING TO
CONTINUOUS EXPOSURE TO HEAVY WAVE ACTION AND CONSEQUENT
BEACH EROSION, AND HIGH COST OF MAINTENANCE. PROPEMEX
IS EXPECTED TO ABANDON OTHER UNPRODUCTIVE INSTALLATIONS.

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